

Explanation of Final 2008/09 Rates (limited to 5.5 percent cap)

Facility-Specific Identifying Information

Columns A through E of the spreadsheet titled “2008.09 Final Rates.xls” contain identifying information for each facility. Columns include: OSHPD ID, cost report end date, the Medi-Cal provider number found on the provider’s 2006 OSHPD or Audit report, the National Provider Identifier (NPI) that corresponds to each OSHPD ID, and facility name.

Rates by Cost Grouping

For each cost grouping, the facility’s reported cost per diem is compared to the peer group benchmark per diem, and the lower of these two amounts is reimbursed. Columns F through I represent the facility-specific per diems resulting from this comparison. The reported cost per diems are located in the spreadsheet titled “2008.09 NFB Cost Build-Up.xls”; the benchmark per diems for each peer group are located in the spreadsheet titled “2008.09 Benchmarks.xls.” The peer group associated with each facility is shown in Column U and discussed in the “Other Information” section below.

Pass-Through and FRVS Per Diems

Columns J through P include per diems that are not limited to a benchmark per diem. The pass-through per diems for property tax, liability insurance, license fees, caregiver training, the Quality Assurance Fee and the add-on for the minimum wage mandate are located in columns J, L, M, N, O and P, respectively. The FRVS per diem is located in Column K.

Labor-Driven Operating Allocation (LDOA)

Column Q contains the facility-specific labor-driven operating allocation per diem, based on eight percent of the permanent direct care and indirect care labor costs for each facility. The labor-driven operating allocation is limited to five percent of the total reimbursement rate; the capped LDOA per diem is located in Column R. The lesser of columns Q and R is represented in Column S, the “Final Labor-Driven Per Diem.”

Total AB1629 Rate Calculation

Column T contains the draft rate for each facility, which is the sum of the AB1629 cost groupings (Columns F + G + H + I + J + K + L + M + N + O + P + S).

Other Information

Column U contains the peer group ID, ranging from 1 through 7, depending on the county where each facility is located. See the Peer Grouping Report on-line at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/mcpd/RDB/LTCSDU/default.htm> for additional information on the determination of AB1629 peer groups.

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Column V contains each facility's skilled nursing Medi-Cal days based on each facility's OSHPD Report ending during calendar year 2006. Annualized skilled nursing Medi-Cal days are located in Column W. The days in Column W differ from the days in Column V only for facilities with a cost report covering more or less than twelve months.

Summary

For 2008/09, the maximum annual increase in the weighted average Medi-Cal reimbursement rate will not exceed 5.5 percent of the weighted average Medi-Cal rate for the 2007/08 rate year, as adjusted for the change in the cost to the facility to comply with new state or federal mandates. For 2008/09, new state mandates include the difference in the nursing facility Quality Assurance Fee amount between 2007/08 and 2008/09, as well as the cost estimate associated with the minimum wage mandate. Columns Y through AB are used to calculate the 2007/08 weighted average Medi-Cal rate, as adjusted for 2008/09 state and federal mandates. The 2007/08 weighted average rate is calculated by dividing the total estimated payments in Column AC by the total annualized Medi-Cal days in Column W. The 2008/09 weighted average rate is calculated by dividing the total projected Medi-Cal payments in Column X by the total annualized Medi-Cal days in Column W.

When the current year's weighted average rate is projected to exceed the specified limit, AB1629 requires the Department to reduce each skilled nursing facility's projected rate for the applicable rate year by an equal percentage. The projected weighted average rate for the 2008/09 rate year is \$163.46, which is more than the 2007/08 weighted average rate, as adjusted for mandates, plus 5.5 percent ($\$153.37 * 1.055 = \161.81). Therefore, each facility's draft AB1629 rate in Column AD will be capped at 98.9903% ($\$161.81 / \163.46) for the 2008/2009 rate year. Final rates are located in Column AE.